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See attachment indicating that the 8-14-2006 amendment is considered to be non-responsive.

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1. The amendment filed on August 14, 2006 amending the elected claims such that there are now no claims drawn to the elected (group III - tire) invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention (group I - method) is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The newly amended claims are not readable on the elected invention because they now correspond to the non-elected method claims (group I).

In particular, the elected group III is drawn to a tire (and as noted in the footnote in the 5-19-2006 office action, dependent claims 10-13 were read as likewise directed to a tire) whereas with the August 14, 2006 amendment, there are now no claims that are directed to a tire. That is, claim 9 as amended is now directed to a method that corresponds to nonelected group I, drawn to the method, there being no claims drawn to the elected group III tire.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Geoffrey L. Knable whose telephone number is 571-272-1220. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on 571-272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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